

**REMARKS**

In the Final Office Action<sup>1</sup>, the Examiner rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,442,755 to Lemmons et al. ("*Lemmons*").

Applicant has proposed to amend claim 2. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-8 remain pending in this application.

Regarding the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claim 2 to recite "said plurality of interfaces include a function of inputting visual media information different from each other through a plurality of channels." Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Lemmons*.

Claim 1 recites an electronic equipment comprising, for example:

a display unit . . .

a plurality of interfaces for inputting visual media information from a plurality of external sources;

script text acquisition means for acquiring one or more script texts, containing at least a media element identification of said visual media information to be input from one of said interfaces, an external source information of the media element, and a display layout of said media element on said display screen;

a script text storage unit . . .

script text selection means . . .

an interface selection means for identifying the external source of said media element based on the external source information contained in

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<sup>1</sup> The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

said script text selected by said script text selection means and selecting one of said plurality of interfaces corresponding to the identified external source to input said media element; and  
script process means . . .

(emphasis added). *Lemmons* does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's claimed invention.

*Lemmons* discloses "providing an interactive program guide system that has program guide display screen look and functionality assigned or updated using markup language documents" (col. 1, lines 54-56). The Examiner cites col. 3, lines 47-52 of *Lemmons* as disclosing the claimed "inputting visual media information from a plurality of external sources" (Office Action at page 3). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Television distribution facility 16 distributes "television programming to user television equipment 22. If desired, television programming may be provided over separate communications paths" (col. 3, lines 49-52). The Examiner appears to assert that separate communication paths constitute "a plurality of external sources." This is not correct. All information in *Lemmons* is transmitted from a single source, television distribution facility 16. The existence of more than one communication path means information from the television distribution facility 16 may reach each user's television equipment 22 by a separate communication path. Regardless of the number of communication paths, only one source of information, television distribution facility 16, exists. Therefore, *Lemmons* does not teach or suggest "a plurality of interfaces for inputting visual media information from a plurality of external sources," as recited in claim 1.

Even assuming that *Lemmons* discloses “a plurality of external sources,” which Applicant does not concede, *Lemmons* does not teach or suggest the claimed “script text acquisition means for acquiring one or more script texts,” as further recited in claim 1.

The Examiner appears to assert that the markup language documents in *Lemmons* constitutes the claimed “script texts” (Office Action at page 3). In *Lemmons*, program guide data transmitted from main facility 12 to television distribution facility 16 includes television programming listings data and “may also contain markup language documents” (col. 3, lines 26-27). “The program guide is programmed to interpret the markup language documents and generate the display screens and provide program guide functionality according to the documents” (col. 3, lines 38-41). These documents indicate “user display screen layout and styling and program guide functionality” (col. 2, lines 22-23). As shown in Figs. 6A and 6B, the markup language documents are used to generate the display elements in display screen 50.

Even assuming that markup language documents constitute the claimed “script texts,” which Applicant does not concede, the markup language documents are only used to generate the display on display screen 50. In contrast, claim 1 requires the script texts to contain at least three elements: 1) “media element identification of said visual media information to be input from one of said interfaces,” 2) “an external source information of the media element,” and 3) “a display layout of said media element on said display screen.”

As previously stated, the markup language documents are only used to generate the display elements in display screen 50. “[C]ontrol circuitry 42 of user television

equipment 22 receives the program data guide, programming, and markup language documents from television distribution facility 16" (col. 5, lines 23-25). However, the markup language documents are independent of any program data guide. The markup language documents do not contain "media element identification of said visual media information to be input from one of said interfaces." On the contrary, the markup language documents merely generate the look of display screen 50. The markup language documents do not identify the actual program guide data transmitted from television distribution facility 16. Moreover, the markup language documents do not contain "an external source information of the media element." Therefore, *Lemmons* does not teach or suggest a "script text acquisition means for acquiring one or more script texts, containing at least a media element identification of said visual media information to be input from one of said interfaces, an external source information of the media element, and a display layout of said media element on said display screen," as further recited in claim 1.

The Examiner also states, "the external source of said media element and the interface corresponding to the source are identified" (Office Action at page 4). Even assuming that the markup language documents in *Lemmons* are used to generate the display of information transmitted from television distribution facility 16, the transmitted information is not identified "based on the external source information contained in said script text selected by said script text selection means," as further recited in claim 1.

As previously stated, the markup language documents generate the display elements in display screen 50. They do not contain information that indicates the source of the information that is transmitted and subsequently displayed. Therefore, the

markup language documents do not identify “the external source of said media element.” For at least this reason, *Lemmons* also does not teach or suggest “an interface selection means for identifying the external source of said media element based on the external source information contained in said script text selected by said script text selection means and selecting one of said plurality of interfaces corresponding to the identified external source to input said media element,” as further recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, *Lemmons* does not anticipate claim 1, and claim 1 is allowable. Claims 2-4 are also allowable at least due to their depending from claim 1. Independent claims 5 and 7 and dependent claims 6 and 8, while of different scope, are allowable for at least the same reasons discussed above in regard to claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-8 in condition for allowance. This Amendment should allow for immediate action by the Examiner.

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully points out that the final action by the Examiner presented some new arguments against Applicant’s invention. It is respectfully submitted that the entering of the Amendment would allow the Applicant to reply to the final rejections and place the application in condition for allowance.

Finally, Applicant submits that the entry of the amendment would place the application in better form for appeal, should the Examiner dispute the patentability of the pending claims.

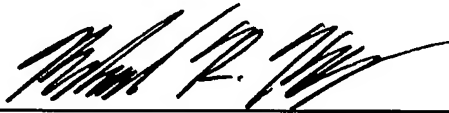
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the rejections. Pending claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests a favorable action.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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